

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3388 – HB 3524

March 9, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Punishes teen athletes who use steroids by removing their eligibility to compete in interscholastic events for two years, unless such steroids are prescribed by a licensed physician for a medical condition.
- Requires every LEA to establish a program relating to the prevention of anabolic steroid abuse in grades 7-12.
- Sets out reporting requirements for teachers and principals and requires loss of employment in public schools for three school years if not followed.
- Makes illegal use of an anabolic steroid a Class C felony, with the possibility of an additional fine of up to \$250,000.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$49,300 / Incarceration*

Assumptions:

- Any cost to the Department of Education to make modifications to the existing curriculum frameworks to address the educational requirements set out in this bill is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within existing budgeted resources of the department.
- Three offenders per year will serve 0.9 years (328.73 days) for a Class C felony offense of the illegal use of anabolic steroids. According to the Department of Correction, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2006 is \$50.02. The cost per inmate at 0.9 years is \$16,443.07 (\$50.02 x 328.73 days). The total operating cost for three offenders per year is \$49,329.21 (\$16,443.07 x 3).
- According to the U. S. Census Bureau, population growth in Tennessee has been 1.09 percent per year for the past 10 years, yielding a projected compound population growth of 13.6% over the next ten years. No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director